Following the flash floods of river Sutlej in June, 2005, the Chinese side has confirmed that the base structure of landslide dam has been destroyed or washed away and the artificial lake on river Parechu no longer poses any threat to downstream areas.

Supply of EURO-II and EURO-III Fuel in Karnataka

*140. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Euro-III grade fuel is being supplied through petrol and diesel outlets in Bangalore;

(b) if so, how many petrol pumps are supplying it;

(c) the steps taken to supply Euro-III fuel in more number of petrol pumps;

(d) what are the steps taken to supply Euro-II diesel in Bangalore; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to supply Euro-III and Euro-II in other cities in Karnataka.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) All the retail outlets in the Bangalore Metropolitan area, numbering 238, are supplying Euro-III equivalent petrol and diesel which is superior to Euro-II grade petrol and diesel.

(e) In consonance with the auto fuel policy, Bharat Stage-II petrol and diesel is being supplied in Karnataka with effect from 1-4-2005. As regards the introduction of Euro-III equivalent fuels in other cities of Karnataka, Government have decided to hold a review in the year 2006 to assess the impact of Bharat Stage-II and Euro-III equivalent in he country, before taking a decision on implementing Euro-III equivalent norms in the country with effect from 1-4-2010.